

**Sarah Evelyn Wright**, retired education specialist with U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), died January 28, 2024, in Chicago, Illinois, at the age of 75. Ms. Wright was born December 9, 1948, in Marianna, Arkansas. She received a bachelor's degree in 1974 and a master's degree in multicultural and bilingual education in 1976 from California State University, Hayward. She joined the Peace Corps in 1982, serving in Gabarone, after which she worked for the Botswana Council of Women. Upon returning stateside, she attended Columbia University Teacher's College and received a master's and doctorate in education in 1988. After a brief stint working for the Anti-Defamation League in New York City, she joined the School of Education faculty at California State University, Fresno, in 1989. She joined USAID in 1991. Ms. Wright served as a regional education officer in Guatemala City (1995-1998), Lilongwe (1998-2002), Islamabad (2002-2005), Nairobi (2005- 2009), and Washington, D.C. She retired from USAID in 2011. In retirement, Ms. Wright settled in Chicago. She was an active member of the University of Chicago Service League, a parishioner and volunteer of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, and a regular book club member. Ms. Wright is survived by her sisters Samella Johnson and Dorothy Lazard, and a brother, Al-Pierre El. DA

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